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THE EDGE

A Web site called StyleHop is creating a lot of buzz among fashion enthusiasts. For more, see Page 5.

WEATHER



TODAY

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INSIDE

See Page 10 to read what future Student Body President Dalton Henry said about his goals for next year.



Stabbing reported

Staff Report
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

One man reportedly stabbed another man in the shoulder at 500 Laramie St. after an argument about a former girlfriend turned violent, according to a Riley County Police report.

RCPD Lt. Kurt Moldrup said Fernando Andres Ramirez, 20, and Aaron Dennis, 18, were arguing at a party at the Laramie address when Ramirez allegedly stabbed Dennis with a knife at about 1:40 a.m. Tuesday.

The police were notified of the incident about an hour later when Dennis sought medical attention for the wound.

Ramirez was arrested on charges of aggravated battery at about 6 a.m. Tuesday.

VEHICLE THEFT

A 31-year-old Manhattan man reported his 1995 GMC Jimmy and \$510 worth of items in the vehicle stolen from his 1726 N. Manhattan Ave. residence.

According to the RCPD, Mark Grant reported several items, including a car stereo, two BB gun pistols and a baby seat, were in the stolen vehicle.

The overall loss for theft is valued at \$4,510, with the value of the car estimated at \$4,000. It is unknown if the car was locked or unlocked.

Speaker to address affirmative action

By Elise Podhajsky
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Though the United States now has its first black president, and more minorities are present in the work force than ever before, affirmative action is not dead, said Susana Valdovinos, Peterson director of Academic Personnel.



At 7 tonight in the Hemisphere Room of Hale Library, Mark Peterson, author, associate professor and head of Washburn University's political science department, will present a lecture discussing the effects of affirmative action.

The lecture, titled "Arthur Fletcher: What Would the Father of Affirmative Action Think of his Child Today?", will delve into the life and work of Arthur Fletcher, a former Topeka resident, who has been called the "father" of affirmative action, and the effect the policy has had on U.S. history.

"There are many misunderstandings about what affirmative action is and what it is not," Valdovinos said. "There is a feeling that because we have a black president, we don't need affirmative action anymore or be-

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A look back



COLLEGIAN FILE PHOTO

Lydia Peele, then-senior in mathematics education, and **Robert Swift**, then-junior in political science, celebrate at Tubby's Sports Bar after they won the student body presidential primary election with 54 percent of the vote last spring.

Lydia Peele reviews her year as president

By Scott Girard
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Dalton Henry, senior in agricultural economics, will officially take over as student body president today. We recently interviewed his predecessor, Lydia Peele, to talk about some of her reflections on her year as president.

Q: One issue you talked about a year ago was to improve the efficiency of privilege fees for students. Do you think you have done that?

A: Absolutely. The preliminary numbers that we have are showing that our privilege fees are going to increase next year by just a little over one percent. So I think that's really a testament to the hard work of our privilege fee committee and the students who took a lot of time and asked a lot of really good questions of different agencies this year. Hopefully we are doing our part to help keep the cost of college down for K-State students.

Q: What was your best experience as student body president?

A: The best part was probably the relationships that I was able to build on this year and the things I learned from my peers, from my friends and also from the K-State faculty, staff and administrators. I think I really value the mentors

I've had not only over this year but also the past two years of student government. I really think that while not everything can be perfect, everything can be a learning experience and that's really important.

Q: What was the worst part of your presidency?

A: There were definitely times that were very frustrating for me. I guess overall, I wish that I would have known a year ago what I know today, especially in terms of communicating with people. I think making sure that if there's going to be something that comes up and making more of an effort to make sure that people really understand what's going on. I think that rumors spread really, really fast and that was something that was very frustrating this year in a lot of different ways. I think that is probably what was most frustrating this year.

Q: Do you feel you will leave office with the university better now than what it was when you were elected president?

A: I think that my experience this year has really taught me that it is really tough to make the right decision sometimes and it's not always what's popular and it's not always what a lot of people see at first as the right thing to do, but I think that it's really important to stand by what you believe

happy with this year, I think that I've learned a lot of lessons from this year, but I also think that we were able to make some really, really positive changes to K-State that are really going to benefit students.

Q: Do you plan on going into a career in politics?

A: At this point, no. I'm really interested in public policy, though and being an advocate for people who might not otherwise have a voice, and I think that that passion for me has grown over the past year. I think being able to be a representative for my peers and other students, I think that is something that I really enjoyed and was really rewarding so if I can do that in the future in some way then I would be really excited about that opportunity.

Q: How much do you think your position as president will help in your future career endeavors?

A: I think that my experience this year has really taught me that it is really tough to make the right decision sometimes and it's not always what's popular and it's not always what a lot of people see at first as the right thing to do, but I think that it's really important to stand by what you believe

For rest of Q & A with Peele, as well as Q & A with future Student Body President Dalton Henry, see Page 10

Peele reflects on time as student body president

MAKING THE CAMPUS SAFER

Peele and SGA have participated in the Aggieville Safety Task Force. She said she has also changed international student orientation to increase their awareness of U.S. traffic laws and health care requirements.

Peele served on Securities Measures and Policies Committee to ensure the campus is prepared for shootings or other disasters like severe weather.

"Ever since college shootings began with Virginia Tech recently and there's been some other ones, I think we as students really needed to know that our university is prepared to handle something like that," she said

INCREASE CAMPUS SUSTAINABILITY

Peele named Michael Bell as the first-ever cabinet member whose focus was mainly to improve sustainability at K-State. Bell worked with other sustainability leaders on campus to organize the inaugural K-State Sustainability Conference in January. He also helped enter K-State in a national competition called RecycleMania against other schools to see who could recycle the most. Though K-State is currently in 214th place out of 292 colleges in per capita recycling, Peele said it is a step in the right direction.

"I think we really are seeing a change in attitude about sustainability on our campus and there's been a lot of really great things going on this year including our sustainability conference that was held on campus."

IMPROVING LAFENE HEALTH CENTER

Peele made this one of her main platforms during her election bid last spring, and she did not disappoint. She helped bring in two outside consultants who are health directors at other colleges to evaluate the effectiveness of Lafene. She also organized a campus-wide survey on student satisfaction, which helped SGA determine that Lafene needed an increase in funding to fulfill student needs.

Now that Lafene knows what students need and has the money, directors can improve the care the center provides.

"We did increase the health fee but that allowed us to fill a physician's assistant job as well as some nurse practitioners spots that hadn't been filled before, and I think that that's going to enable students to be happier with the efficiency of the office as well as being able to see someone in a timely manner."

-News Analysis by Scott Girard

Cowboy Olympics provides entertainment

By Jacie Noel
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

A slew of cowboys and cowgirls filled Weber Arena on Wednesday night running, jumping and wheelbarrowing for a chance at winning gift certificates to Vandenberg's shoes.

The College of Agriculture Student Council was host to the Cowboy Olympics in Weber as part of the council's annual Ag Fest Week activities.

Miles Theurer, Ag Fest co-chair and junior in animal sciences and industry, said the Cowboy Olympics was a way to get people together and provide entertainment for Ag Fest Week. Anyone was able to participate in the event but had to register before spring break.

The Cowboy Olympics featured different events including stacking bags of

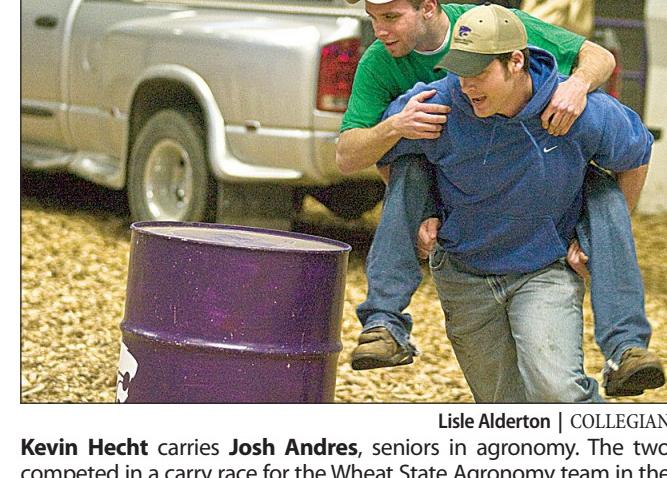
feed, pushing a pickup truck, a relay with a jolly-horse ball and shovel, a piggyback barrel race and an obstacle course. The obstacle course started at one side of the arena and included climbing over a round bale of hay, a panel and then spinning blindfolded teammates and having them roll a tire to the end of the arena.

The men's, women's and co-ed teams with the fastest times in all the events won the competition.

The winning men's team consisted of Jeremy Kootz, Joe Iliff, Michael Macek, seniors in animal sciences and industry, and Chuck Parsons, senior in agronomy.

"Last year we competed and got second so we had to try and get first this year," Kootz said.

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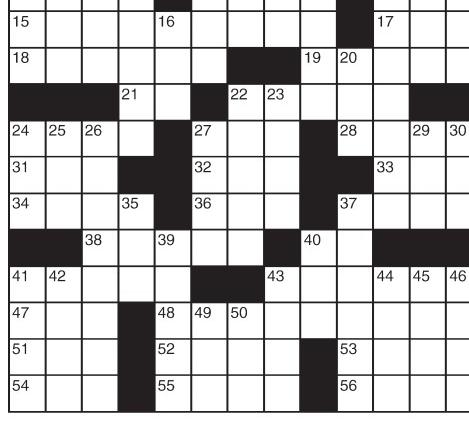


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The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Trinity Davis at 2:30 p.m. today in Blumont 257. The thesis topic is "The Reading Achievement of Kansas Urban African-American Fifth Graders Before and During No Child Left Behind."

The Sexual Health Awareness Peer Educators Program is looking for members. Earn three credit hours, gain leadership experience, improve your public-speaking skills and inform your peers about being safer. Print off and complete an application from www.k-state.edu/lafene/SHAPE. Applications are now being accepted for fall 2009. The application due date is Friday. Please deliver your application to Lafene 268

Mythbreakers, an event investigating career-related myths with the help of a panel of employers, will be at 4 p.m. Monday in the K-State Student Union Room 213. The event is sponsored by Career and Employment Services.

The KSU Spring Blood Drive will be from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. April 6 through April 9 on the second floor of the K-State Student Union and from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. April 7 through April 9 in Putnam Hall. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE or visit givelife.org.

SHAC positions are available now. The Student Health Advisory Committee is accepting applications for fall 2009. Applications are available at the Office of Student Activities and Services in the K-State Student Union or Lafene 266 or can be printed from www.k-state.edu/lafene/SHAC/involved.htm. The deadline is 5 p.m. April 10. Submit applications to the SHAC mailbox in OSAS.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Amin Mugera at 9 a.m. April 13 in Hale 401B. The thesis topic is "Productivity Growth, Convergence, and Distribution Dynamics in the Kansas Farm Sector."

The Planner is the Collegian's bulletin board service. To place an item in the Planner, stop by Kedzie 116 and fill out a form or e-mail news editor Ann Conrad at news@spub.ksu.edu by 11 a.m. two days before it is to run. Some items might not appear because of space constraints, but are guaranteed to appear on the day of the activity.

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Andrew Blackburn, junior in mass communications and English, submitted this photo he took at Terezin, a former military fortress and Nazi concentration camp in the Czech Republic, during spring break. Blackburn visited Prague and Vienna, Austria, along with fellow members of the K-State Concert Choir as they performed in Europe on a music tour.

DAILY BLOTTER

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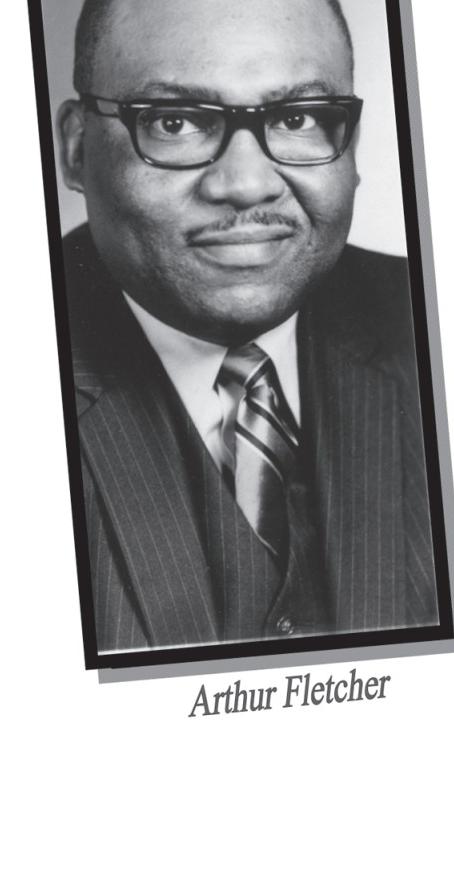
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TO THE POINT

Editors thank community for 'playing along' with April Fools' edition

The Collegian editorial board would like to thank all the administrators, faculty, staff and students who "played along" with our April Fools' Day stories.

It was great to hear positive responses from readers about how much they enjoyed the stories.

As a college paper, it's difficult to gain and keep credibility. While we are a professional paper with an advertising staff, our jobs at the Collegian are really more like a learning lab. Just one fake article in a poorly thrown-together April Fools' edition had the potential to obliterate any credibility we have worked hard to gain.

So, we were careful to get real sources to play

along with our fake stories. We also made sure not to put stories on pages that had paid advertising, because Collegian advertisers were not notified ahead of time.

We certainly did not want to offend or make our readers believe our stories were real (hence, the large heading of "April Fools' Day" on Pages 4, 5 and 6). Our April Fools' Day stories were designed to give our readers some entertainment while giving reporters and editors a break from doing serious news stories every day.

Here are a couple notes we received:

"This is the most hilarious Collegian I have

seen on April 1! :-D

"The Bosco story was PERFECT and the gladiators are good, too. Thanks for a laugh for the day."

-Anita Cortez, administrative director of the Developing Scholars Program

"I just wanted to thank Ben Marshall for the wonderfully funny April Fools' article about open season on campus squirrels. I miss the year-end interviews with the student squirrels and what their summer plans are. I wish you would bring it back. Again, thanks for the chuckles."

-Sheila Howard, Manhattan resident

Secret weapon

Concealed carry a good defense for possible victims



EMILY ALDREDGE

A few weeks ago, I saw a petition that invited people to support the rights of those who are concealed carry permit holders to carry their concealed firearm on campus.

Recently, there have been several mass shootings – all in gun-free zones. Obviously, some murderers do not care about the law and seem attracted to areas where citizens are stripped of the right to defend themselves, like colleges.

This issue is a hot-button topic for the government, as well as individual citizens. The Texas legislature voted Monday on an updated campus carry law. The amendment, which would allow universities to legalize campus carry, is stuck in committee with opponents and proponents fighting hard.

The 2008 Supreme Court ruling in the case District of Columbia v. Heller, upheld the Second Amendment, which states individuals have the right to keep and bear arms. The courts further ruled that handguns are arms.

In 2006, the Kansas Legislature passed the Personal and Family Protection Act, which allows law-abiding citizens who are not felons and have no history of drug abuse or violent domestic crime to obtain a concealed carry permit.

However, psychopaths usually don't bother to apply for the card or the training course. Nor do they endure the background check. They get their guns on the street corner quite easily.

"Ban guns," you say? That's exactly what the violent criminals want. Banning guns turns

good people into prey.

A March 13 article in the Kansas City Star informed us about the rapist who has terrorized Manhattan and Lawrence and raped 13 women. He hides in closets waiting until his victims are alone. Now, I suppose we could ban closets. Will the police stop him?

Many people who are against concealed carry are pro-pepper spray. But would they bring pepper spray to a gunfight? I'm not good with foul language, but maybe that would be a defense.

Another opposition to campus concealed carry is that "the answer to gunfire is not more gunfire." Well, I believe that the answer to gunfire is most certainly more gunfire. That's why when the police get a call of "shots fired," they always bring plenty of guns.

Personally, when I first looked into this issue, my first question was, "Can a concealed gun go off accidentally?" Safety features on modern guns make an accidental discharge nearly impossible. There are, of course, many arguments on each side of this issue.

My stance has a lot more to do with walking home from a class or going to a car after a late night than it does with stopping school shootings. However, if you can't carry a gun into the building, you can't carry one on your way home. Strangely enough, the State of Kansas thinks I'm smart enough to protect myself at Wal-Mart but not at my institute of higher learning.

Of the 32 students who were killed at Virginia Tech, 19 were at least 21, the legal age to have a concealed firearm. If one of those students had a gun, would the day have turned out differently? While there is no way to know, they would have had a fighting chance.

In case you're wondering, I signed that campus petition.

Emily Aldredge is a senior in electronic journalism. Please send comments to opinion@spub.ksu.edu.

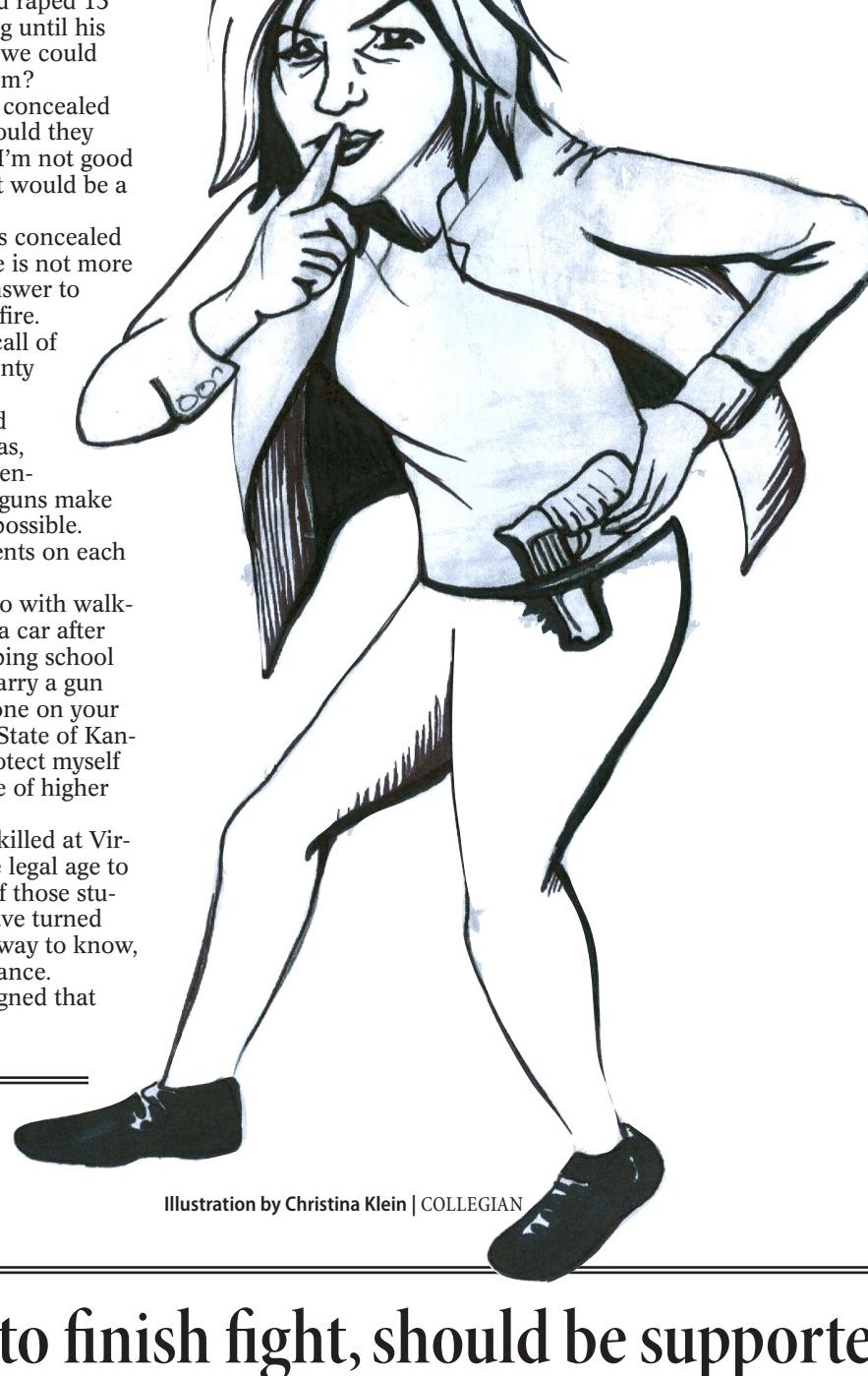
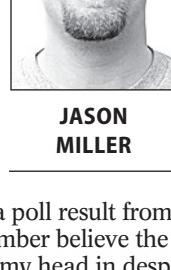


Illustration by Christina Klein | COLLEGIAN

Troop surge in Afghanistan necessary to finish fight, should be supported



JASON MILLER

After reading a poll result from USA Today that revealed a record number believe the war in Afghanistan was a mistake, I shook my head in despair. Before the war on terror became a front to overthrow the dictator of Iraq, our mission was a justified one in the mountains of Afghanistan.

Let us not forget that it was in this country that men planned the largest terrorist attack in U.S. history, and its mastermind, Osama bin Laden, is still free to enjoy his life, even if he is on dialysis machines. Sadly, those who died or

were affected by the Sept. 11 attacks don't have that luxury. President Barack Obama's decision to send additional troops into Afghanistan to help stabilize the region and finish the fight America started is the best one made recently.

As a military veteran who was deployed to Iraq, I've seen firsthand the service members of our nation being worn down by multiple deployments while living at a tempo humans aren't designed for. The sooner our troops can leave the better, but we need to address unfinished business.

Americans are quick to throw the cautionary "Vietnam" label out when they believe a war is one being waged by government officials for their gain. The Iraq war is an example of this, but this wasn't the case with Afghanistan. In this new age of terrorism, Afghanistan is simply a location we are fighting on and not a reflection of its new government.

The decision to send an additional 17,000 troops into Afghanistan could not have been an easy one. However, the war there led to 155 U.S. combat fatalities last year – the most of any year since the war began.

This urgent issue is one that needs to be addressed soon, because this is life and death. The service members of our nation deserve to fight a war that brings Americans justice.

Unlike Iraq, Afghanistan has no natural resources to help the poor nation succeed in the future. Poor villages fall easy prey to the Taliban and its money. The United States and the United Nations need to continue to work together to stabilize these areas and help the Afghani people.

When Pearl Harbor was attacked, America responded, and when attacked in 2001, America responded again. The time and technology might have changed drastically, but citizens need to remember that a strong military does help keep peace. Instead of focusing on the negatives, let us remember that until we have the leader of the Taliban and any successors in our grasp, it is not finished. Unlike the hazy guidelines for Iraq, Afghanistan does have a time table; we do have a goal.

Instead of bickering about the "why," Americans should get more involved in the "who" and send care packages and letters of support to the thousands serving on the front lines.

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Hey, Collegian, Darren found out I put a rag in his pocket, and he put one back in mine. Oh. I got April Fooled. I feel so foolish.

Hey, "You Suck" comic: Your beard is good. That's a compliment for you.

If you're in a frat, you might be a frat boy.

Hey, fat kid at Dillons eating all the gumballs, don't eat all the gumballs.

To the angry ROTC guy with the glasses on your head: Little do you know that frat boys are very similar to ROTC. Only instead of popped collars, they have camo.

Note to self: More lube, less force. This is very important.

Collegian, it takes an awfully big dog to weigh a ton.

Boxed mashed potatoes bake in 30 minutes. So do I.

At two in the morning last night, I could hear my

neighbor's music so loud that I knew exactly what song it was — "Yellow" by Coldplay.

If you wear cowboy boots and a fur coat, you might be a frat boy.

If you wear a woman's jacket and get turned down by a fat chick, you might be a frat boy.

I tell you, Collegian. My name is not Marvin, and I'm not gay. But I love me some Marvin Gaye.

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LIFE OF AN AWKWARD GRAD STUDENT

Family tricks bring joy



ADAM REICHENBERGER

I sent out a text message Tuesday night to each of my sisters. When we all live in different cities, it's just easier than calling — especially when they already know what I have to say.

"Tomorrow's a big day for us ... get some rest tonight. Make me proud, girls."

Chelsey, 26, and preparing to move to Chicago for graduate studies involving body parts, was the first to respond: "Way ahead of ya, good luck!"

I expected nothing less from Chels.

Emily, 27, and weeks away from completing physician assistant school, was next: "What the hell are you talking about?"

Poor Em. I have to admit I was a bit disappointed to hear of her lack of preparation, but a tree did fall on her head only a few months ago, and she has been pulling all-nighters in the ER lately. Acceptable.

Though, knowing her, she's probably planned it to a T and is only trying to put one past me. But again, knowing her, she knows I wouldn't let that happen. Not me. Not this day. Not ever.

Last to respond was Julie. Good ol' Jules, 30, clinical therapist in Chicago. Graduated top of her class. That might not be true, but it sounds good, so I'll say it again: graduated top of her class. Beautiful is the only word to describe her response: "I'm pregnant tomorrow!"

Perfect. She's got years on us, and she's used them wisely.

Those are my sisters.

That is my family.

I don't know how April Fools' Day ever originated, but in my family, it started with a giant rubber rat that scared the hell out of me.

The next year was a few moths in a paper cup placed strategically in the middle of the kitchen face-down. What 4-year-old boy doesn't pick up a cup in the middle of the floor? Scared the hell out of me.

For years I woke up thinking I had wet the bed every April 1.

Maybe I did.

I never had a chance. But I learned.

The next couple decades are a blur of faked injuries, engagements, car wrecks, fires, robberies, frozen underwear and countless amounts of ridiculous things hanging behind the shower curtain.

I know I've said I hate the "one-upper," but that's what April Fools' is all about. Bigger. Better. If someone doesn't wet their pants just a bit, it's a disappointment. Now I'm not asking for a full breach of the flood gates; nobody wants that. But a few drops? Success.

In my family, it's what we do. The love is there; oh, how the love is there, and we show it by making each other cry, scream and wet themselves before immediately laughing in their face and running around hooting like Daffy Duck.

These days, laughs are usually all we get out of the victim following some variation of "Damn it!" because we know what's coming. While I might have my entire wardrobe of clothes collapse on me as I open the closet, or find everything — everything — I use in the bathroom glued shut, or discover my door's hinges freed so when I open it I fall smack down on my face or try to turn a greased doorknob — I don't fret. I know they'll get theirs; they always do.

So you have your Thanksgiving and your turkey; take your Bastille Day and your baguettes. Just leave us April 1, and I promise you the Reichenbergers will be merry, merry folk.

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Fashion dreams

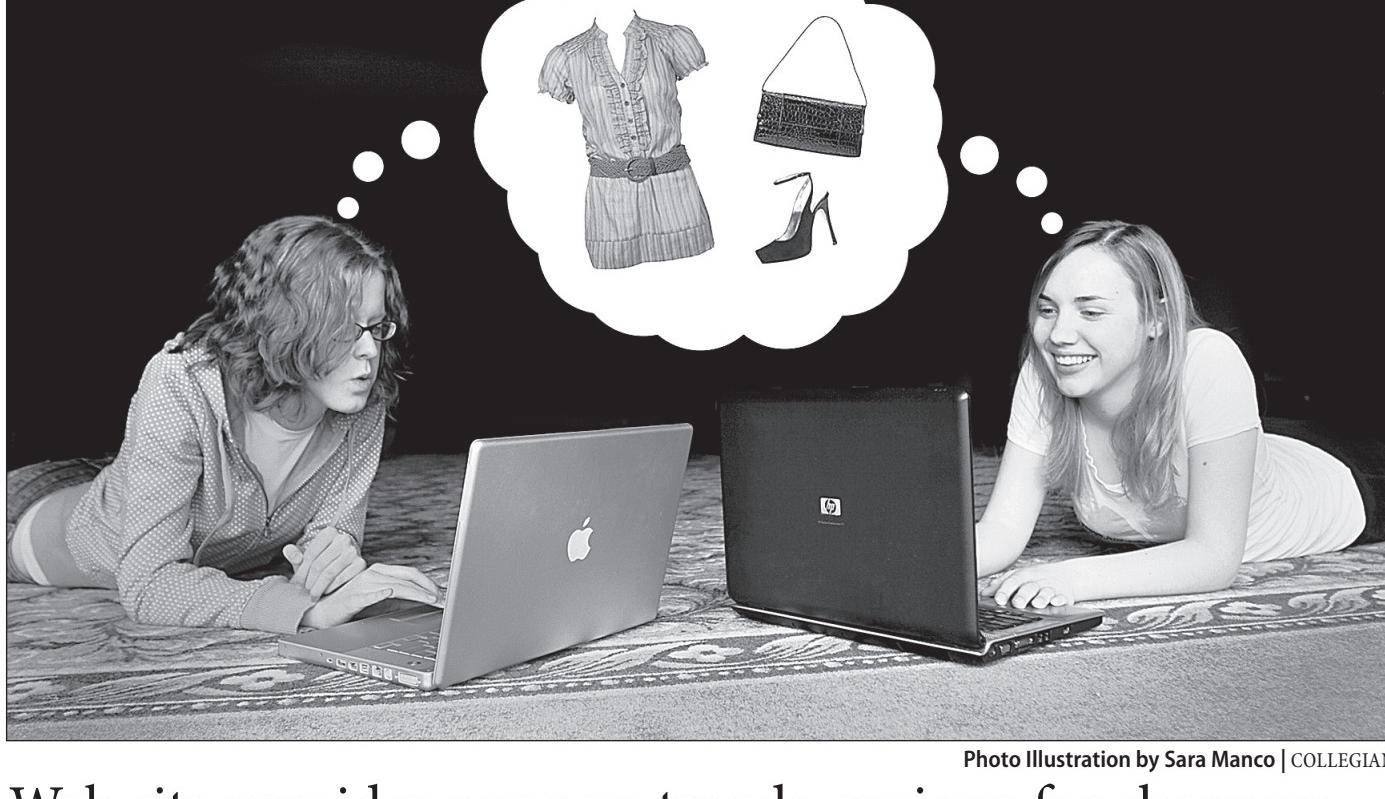


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Web site provides news on trends, reviews for shoppers

By Tiffany Roney
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

For every girl who has ever wanted a second opinion while shopping, the wish for peer-based fashion advice is now granted.

StyleHop.com is a social networking site where users can rank and review "today's hottest styles and trends for women," according to the Web site.

StyleHop user Jane Faragusa, junior in apparel marketing, said the site is valuable because it always has something new.

"[StyleHop] is a way to keep up with trends and what's popular for the season," Faragusa said.

"It helps me keep up with my favorite designers and what their new lines and colors are. It introduced me to new things that I never would have looked at twice before,"

Allison Linz, junior in

apparel and textiles, said she has been passionate about fashion since sixth grade, yet she still discovers new types of clothing and designers on *StyleHop*.

"I've actually been introduced to a couple new lines," Linz said.

"They have a lot of different designers — the higher-end ones that you'd find in a high-end fashion magazine and then ones like Charlotte Russe. So far, it's introduced me to some new stuff."

Faragusa said the site is such a great tool that she uses it not only for fun, but also for class since many teachers do not know about it.

"Most [professors] have never really heard about it, but I introduced it to one of my teachers as a way to keep up with the trends and what's popular for the seasons, and she liked it," Faragusa said.

Erin Tyson, junior in apparel and textiles, said *StyleHop* helps users find and create special outfits.

"You can create your own profile based on your own personal style," Tyson said.

"It doesn't have to be the same as anyone else's. You can really find whatever you want based on your own personal style."

She said the site provides a source for advice to people who previously only had fashion magazines and celebrities to use as fashion guides.

"[StyleHop] is great because you're getting advice from people that are your age, and you could really put your own input and words into what it is you like to wear and what other people like to wear."

Linz stays involved with *StyleHop* by serving as the Web site's K-State community manager.

"It's great because you can get on and meet other people from your college and find out who else is on the site," she said.

Tyson said the K-State community on *StyleHop* is her favorite part of the site.

At press time, there were 16 members in the K-State community group.

"Really, I just like it because I like networking with other people from K-State," Tyson said.

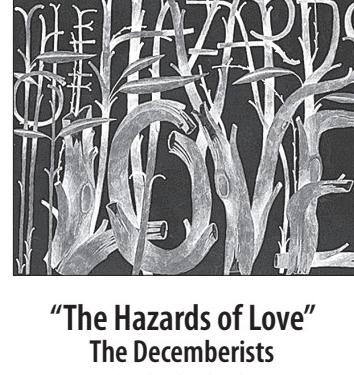
"It helps me stay in touch with people who are interested in the same things as me."

The site is growing daily, and the K-State community always welcomes new members, Linz said.

"I want people to know that it's out there and that they can get on and get connected through other college women, which is really the main point," Linz said.

"It's just a really great Web site."

Album tells single story using experimental sounds



"The Hazards of Love"
The Decemberists
★★★☆☆
Album review by Gloria Funcheon

Long-time folk indie rockers The Decemberists released "The Hazards of Love," their fifth full album on March 24.

Lead singer, songwriter and guitarist Colin Meloy has a history of piecing together fanciful tales of adventure amid a backdrop of acoustic pop and steady, reserved drum beats.

The album exemplifies and drastically expands Meloy's gift for storytelling, which makes "Hazards" feel like a rock opera.

"Hazards" differs from previous works by focusing on a solitary story with continuous lyrical flow, making it difficult to clearly isolate any song from the others.

The opener "Prelude" slowly builds a melancholic pipe organ that transitions seamlessly into the first of four renditions of the title track.

Meloy lyrically sets the stage about Margaret, a damsel in distress who ventured in the woods looking for a fawn. Becky Stark of Lavender Diamond, a Los Angeles-based folk pop group, provides sweet, ethereal vocals for Margaret.

"The Wanting Comes in Waves/Repaid" is six and a half minutes of melodramatic exchange, both lyrically and musically. Meloy plays protagonist Williams and sings above an Arcade Fire-like chord progression until an abrupt shift to hard rock and sultry vocals from the villainous forest queen played by Shara Worden, lead singer of My Brightest Diamond.

A tranquil "Interlude" acts as a perfect buffer before the horrifying lyrics of "The Rakes Song," one of the few songs that could stand alone. Meloy displays his skill for wordplay on "The Rake's Song" while weaving a tale about how he came "to be living so easy and free." The Rake sings, "I was wedded and it whetted my thirst," until becoming a wid-

ower finding himself "shamefully saddled with three little pests," from which he liberates himself through gruesome and cruel tactics.

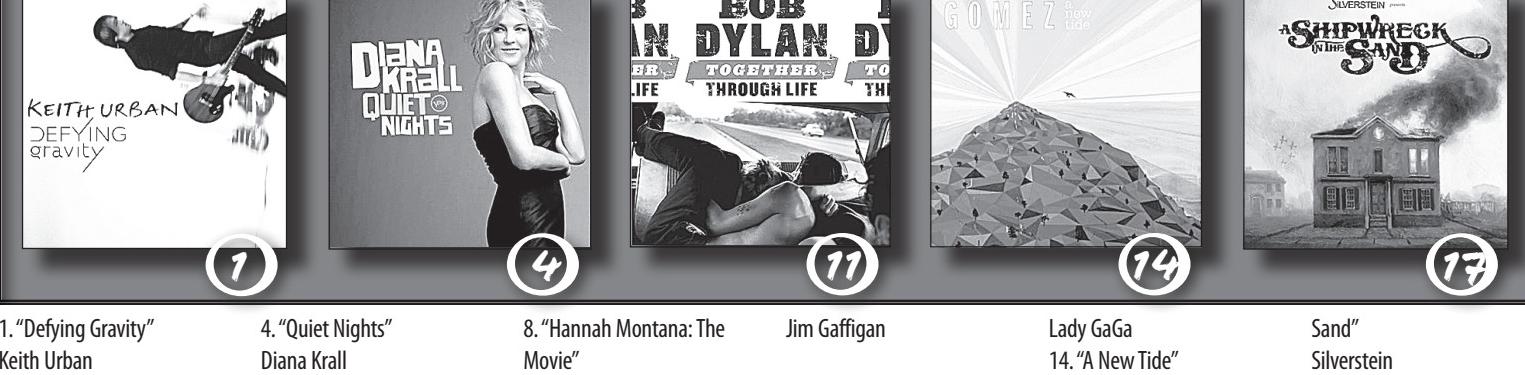
The Decemberists also expand the group's musical sound with downright metal thrashing on "A Bower Scene" and "The Queen's Rebuke/The Crossing." These uncharacteristic riffs contrast well with softer songs like "The Queen's Approach" and "Isn't It A Lovely Night." The group tries other experimental sounds in the third rendition of the title track, which enlists a children's choir to the backdrop of squeaks and high-pitched violins to create a creepy fun-house carnival feel.

"Annan Water" sounds most recognizable in comparison to previous albums. Soft base lines complement the frenzied guitar chords, while Meloy mournfully defies the tempestuous water preventing his journey to find Margaret.

While Meloy's work has never been instantly accessible to the average listener, "Hazards of Love" will primarily be received by die-hard fans. Furthermore, this collection of songs makes more sense as a live performance than an album.

The experiential nature of this album requires full attention rather than a haphazard approach.

TOP ALBUMS ON ITUNES



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|--|---|--|---------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| 1. "Defying Gravity"
Keith Urban | 4. "Quiet Nights"
Diana Krall | 8. "Hannah Montana: The Movie"
(Original Motion Picture Soundtrack)
Miley Cyrus/Hannah Montana | Jim Gaffigan | Lady GaGa | Sand"
Silverstein |
| 2. "Free"
Gavin DeGraw | 5. "The Open Door"
Death Cab for Cutie | 11. "Together Through Life"
Bob Dylan (expected release date: April 28, 2009) | 12. "American Soldier"
Queensryche | 14. "A New Tide"
Gomez | 18. "The Fray"
The Fray |
| 3. "Twilight"
(Original Motion Picture Soundtrack)
Various Artists | 6. "R.O.O.T.S."
Flo Rida | 9. "UGK 4 Life"
UGK | 13. "The Fame"
Rodney Atkins | 15. "In a Perfect World ..."
Keri Hilson | 19. "Incredibad"
The Lonely Island |
| | 7. "It's America"
Rodney Atkins | 10. "King Baby" | | 16. "No Line On the Horizon"
U2 | 20. "19"
ADELE |

It's time to pay to keep Martin



COLE MANBECK

It's that time of year — the time for everyone to jump on the coaching carousel of men's basketball that typically occurs in late March and early April.

With John Calipari departing Memphis for Kentucky, it will likely start a big coaching shake-up across the country.

Memphis is now likely to hire a coach from another big-time program, and whatever school the Tigers hire their coach from will likely do the same to another major college basketball program. It's a merry-go-round.

We saw this occur in 2006, when John Beilein left West Virginia for Michigan, and several K-State fans lit fire to their "Huggieville" shirts as Bob Huggins bolted to become the Mountaineer head coach.

There are reports circulating that Georgia, which fired its coach midseason, is looking at Miami coach Frank Haith as a potential replacement. However, Haith has adamantly said he will be back as the Hurricane coach next year, but it could just be coach-speak. Money talks, and the Bulldogs appear willing to pay.

Miami is where K-State coach Frank Martin called home for several years, and going home to coach can pull a coach away, like with Huggins.

Here is where this could all come to fruition. Martin signed a five-year contract following the 2007-08 season. The contract pays him a base salary of \$180,000 a year, with yearly earnings of \$760,000.

But is that enough?

Not when stacked up against other coaches in the conference. For example, KU coach Bill Self makes \$3 million a year. Granted, they are proven coaches with Final Four appearances on their résumés, and sure, Martin just finished up his second year as a Division I head coach.

But the success he has had, in addition to a top-25 recruiting class on the way, warrants an extension and a raise. It doesn't need to be huge, but just enough to let Martin know the administration has confidence in his abilities.

Martin has compiled a 43-24 record in his first two years at K-State and has coached his team to a top-four finish in the conference both years. Therefore, he should be paid like a top-four coach in the league.

Consider the fact that Nebraska coach Doc Sadler, who hasn't finished in the top-six of the conference in his three years, is making a yearly salary of \$800,000 a year.

Success speaks for itself. Let's not forget, Martin hasn't been happy with the respect the Big 12 Conference has gotten nationally, particularly K-State, so it wouldn't be a bad idea to show him appreciation.

After all, Ron Prince got an extension and raise from \$760,000 a year to \$1.1 million, and I think it's safe to say that his 12-13 career record did not warrant the move. But Martin's record does.

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Sliding down



COLLEGIAN FILE PHOTO

Nick Martini, K-State outfielder, slides back to second base during a game against Creighton on March 3. The Wildcats played Creighton again last night in Omaha, Neb., and lost 5-1.

Cats fall to Creighton, 21-8 on season



COLLEGIAN FILE PHOTO

Carter Jurica, K-State infielder, throws a ball home during a game against Creighton on March 3, which the Wildcats won 12-1.

Britton Drown

KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Creighton used a steady offensive attack and sound defense to cruise to a 5-1 victory over K-State at Rosenblatt Stadium in Omaha, Neb. With the win, the Bluejays secured a 1-1 season series tie with the Wildcats.

The Wildcats defeated Creighton steadily 12-1 on March 3 during K-State's home opener at Tointon Family Stadium. However, the dominant offense K-State showed in March was absent in Omaha Wednesday evening.

With the loss, the Wildcats dropped to 21-8 overall on the season, while Creighton improved to 12-14.

The Wildcats worked deep into their pitching staff during the contest, using six pitchers. No pitcher for K-State worked deeper than two innings.

Despite the loss, K-State jumped out to an early lead in the first inning. Short stop Drew Biery singled down the third base line scoring second baseman Carter Jurica who singled to the left side to open the inning for the Wildcats.

It was not until the third inning that Creighton would have an answer for the early Wildcat lead. Following a ground out by Creighton catcher and designated hitter

Ian Dike, Carson Vitale, took Kayvon Bahramzadeh's pitch over the left field fence, tying the game 1-1.

Yet, Bahramzadeh would throw out the next two hitters, quickly ending the Bluejay attack.

K-State, however, failed to find a rhythm offensively for the remainder of the game, while Creighton continued to make the most of its eight hits in the contest.

During the fifth, sixth and seventh inning, Creighton's offense began to click. During the three-inning span, the Bluejays registered six of their eight hits on the evening.

The Bluejays finally put the game out of the reach for the Wildcats during the seventh inning. On a 1-1 pitch, Dike led off with the first of three singles that produced two Creighton runs, pushing the Bluejays ahead of K-State 5-1.

Following the two run inning by the Bluejays, K-State's offense went hitless for the remainder of the final two innings, leading to the Cats' eighth loss of the season.

K-State will return to Big 12 play this weekend as they travel to Lincoln, Neb., to take on the Nebraska Cornhuskers.

First pitch is scheduled 6:05 p.m.

Tennis team heads to Texas for pair of matches

Steve Berklund

KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The K-State women's tennis team is scheduled to play a pair of road matches this weekend, as it travels to the Lone Star state to take on two nationally ranked teams.

The Wildcats (3-9, 0-5 Big 12 Conference) head into this weekend's matches in search of their first conference victory. The task will not be easy, as K-State will take on No. 63 Texas Tech and No. 4 Baylor.

The Wildcats' last outing against the Oklahoma Sooners resulted in a 6-1 loss, which was the team's seventh straight loss. Even though the match resulted in another loss, Coach Steve Bietau applauded the efforts of a few Wildcats.

"Generally, at the top of the line-up we did pretty well," Bietau said. "Antea [Huljev] played another pretty strong match. You know Nina [Sertic] really gained some momentum and won convincingly."

During the last three matches, the Wildcats have only come away winning one of nine doubles matches. Bietau said a change in the line-up should be the solution to their doubles problems.

"We're changing our doubles teams," Bietau said. "One reason for that is Vanessa [Cotter] has been out [with an injury]. During the past weekend's matches I wasn't convinced I was getting the most out of our doubles teams, so we're going to shift some things around."



COLLEGIAN FILE PHOTO

Antea Huljev, right-handed sophomore, returns a ball last spring in a match against Texas Tech. The Wildcats are headed to Texas this weekend for a pair of matches against Texas Tech on Friday and Baylor on Sunday.

Friday, the Wildcats travel to Lubbock, Texas, to play the Texas Tech Red Raiders (7-10, 2-4 Big 12) at 3 p.m. at the McLeod Tennis Center.

The Wildcats will then have Saturday off before traveling across the state to Waco to take on the Baylor Bears (13-4, 4-0 Big 12) at noon at the Baylor Tennis Center.

With yet another road test, Bietau said the opponents for this weekend's matches present another opportunity for the Wildcats.

"[Texas] Tech has been right in there with the teams that we've been playing recently," Bietau said. "Baylor is another story; this is an elite program that's a factory in the NCAA [tournament]."

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New sorority to begin at K-State

Potential sororities to join the K-State greek community and their campus visit dates:

Delta Gamma

Wednesday,
April 22

Zeta Tau Alpha

Thursday,
April 23

Alpha Phi

Monday,
April 27

Jenene Heavey
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

K-State's greek community is inviting three national sorority candidates to campus this month for a chance to bid and become K-State's newest sorority in fall 2010.

Alpha Phi, Delta Gamma and Zeta Tau Alpha were selected to continue as finalists in a selection process that has been ongoing since October.

"These groups are some of the finest in the country," said Meghan Butler, senior in finance and K-State Panhellenic Council president, in a press release.

K-State has 24 social fraternities and 12 social sororities with a total greek membership of approximately 3,200 students.

Shawn Eagleburger, assistant director of Greek Affairs, said he knew when coming to K-State in 2007 that the university could sustain a new sorority.

"[With] the number of

qualified women interested in joining a sorority community, it's important the Panhellenic considers an extension," Eagleburger said.

"It's been a long time since we've been able to do this ... it's past due."

Eagleburger said a number of applications were reviewed by a committee composed of a representative from each of the 12 campus sororities before the final three were selected.

Feedback from current members of the sorority community was also obtained.

Alpha Phi, Delta Gamma and Zeta Tau Alpha will make campus visits one at a time, to make job-search presentations at Forum Hall, which also includes question-and-answer time.

The presentations are open to the public, but specifically to students and alumni.

"Good questions to ask would be to include what kind of alumni support they could bring from the Man-

hattan community," Eagleburger said.

Eagleburger said the organization and success of a colonizing greek organization depends on strong alumni backing.

A reception, hosted by K-State Greek Affairs and the Panhellenic Council, will occur at Kite's Bar and Grill in Aggierville at 6 p.m., after each presentation.

Gail Spencer, assistant dean of student life, said she is very happy sorority opportunities will open up to more female students.

"I think it's an excellent opportunity for women to join a sorority," Spencer said. "It's extremely valuable."

Delta Gamma will make a presentation on April 22, followed by Zeta Tau Alpha on April 23 and Alpha Phi on April 27. Presentations will be from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in Forum Hall on their respective dates. The Panhellenic Council will announce its selection in the coming months.

UPC to present religion panel for Inclusion Week

Jacie Noel
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Judaism, Islam and atheism.

Union Program Council is scheduled to present a religion panel today from noon to 1 p.m. in the K-State Student Union Courtyard.

The religion panel is part of UPC's Inclusion Week, which includes activities that promote diversity and cultural differences on campus.

Event organizers Jenny Barnes, senior in mass communications and Anna Knackstedt, sophomore in political science and modern languages, said there will be one person to represent one of several different religions presented at the panel.

The spiritual viewpoints represented include Buddhism, Mormonism, Unitarianism, Christianity,

During the panel, each representative will discuss how they view certain ideas based on spirituality.

They then will answer how they view life after death, who or what they consider a higher power, views on hell and free will, and feelings on science and how it affects followers' personal beliefs.

There will also be a question-and-answer session for those in attendance to ask the representatives about any other inquiries they might have.

Barnes and Knackstedt said UPC wanted to bring something different to the week that allowed people to become informed of other people's beliefs.

"We wanted a way to broaden people's horizons," Barnes said.

COWBOY | Races provide competition for men's, women's, co-ed teams at Olympics

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The winning men said the event they most enjoyed was the barrel race.

The barrel race originally started with team members pushing each other in a wheelbarrow to completing the race carrying each other on their backs. The winning women's team members ended up competing in the barrel race twice due to the circumstances, but said they still enjoyed it.

The winning women's team members included Ashley Brillhart, senior in agronomy, Erica Waechter, junior in agronomy, Roberta Barthol, sophomore in agriculture education, and Kelly Yungangs, sophomore in agronomy.

"We came out here just to have fun," Brillhart said. "We were excited to win."

Though, the men's team will not be able to compete again since each member is in his senior year, Kootz said they all were glad to go out on top.

"It's good to quit while we're ahead," he said.



Jared Whitcomb, senior in animal sciences and industry, rolls a wheel at the Cowboy Olympics alongside his brother, **Nathan Whitcomb**, senior in civil engineering.

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Newly elected senators to take office tonight

By Steven Miller
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The Student Governing Association is scheduled to hold its turnover meeting Thursday night, which means there will actually be two separate meetings.

During the first meeting, Senators plan to vote to approve the results of SGA elections and Student Senate officers' compensation. They will also vote on amendments to SGA by-laws in accordance with recent title changes and on a resolution to support changes to the university handbook.

Senators also are scheduled to vote on nine allocations to student groups ranging from Student Alumni Board to Student Sustainability Coalition.

During this meeting, new members will be sworn in and during the second meeting, they will assume their roles and begin business for the 2009-10 school year.

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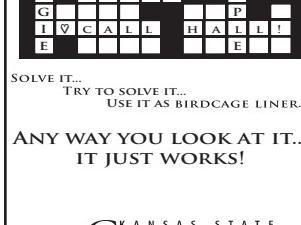
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African symposium to be biannual event

By Rico van Buskirk
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Wrapping up three days of lectures, members of the K-State faculty and researchers from around the world concluded the first K-State African Issues Symposium.

The symposium featured presentations by 11 keynote speakers from Monday to Wednesday. These speakers, experts in their respective fields, were extended invitations to present portions of their research in the fields of social sciences, including economics and political science, as well as natural sciences like biology.

Among the goals of the symposium participants was the projected arousal of interest in future collaborations among researchers of different disciplines.

"Almost all major important breakthroughs in science occur when you get outside of your own discipline and can jump paradigms," said keynote speaker Jon Lovett, director of the Centre for Ecology Law and Policy

at the University of York in England. Lovett said working with colleagues from other disciplines lets him look at his own work in a new way.

The panel agreed on a couple points: the world is interconnected and ecological and sustainability issues in Africa affect the rest of the world.

There was disagreement on the extent to and means by which Europe and the U.S. should be involved in furthering and supporting African development.

"The strength of Africa is represented in the strength of the African communities," said Mary Scholes, professor of animal, plant and environmental sciences at the University of Witwatersrand in South Africa.

Scholes said individual communities are perhaps the best agents to further the spread of sustainable practices. Several members of the panel concurred.

Porter Lowry, curator of the Africa and Madagascar department at the Missouri Botanical Garden, said

churches had proven extremely effective in implementing sustainable practices by citizens.

On Monday, 125 people attended the symposium presentations. Sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday were not as well attended, but met expected attendance typical of multiple-day academic presentations, said David Hartnett, symposium organizer and professor of biology.

The symposium is the first of what is planned to be a biannual fixture for the African Studies Center. Lovett said he plans to return for the 2011 installment of the symposium.

Hartnett was host to a forum after the events to obtain suggestions for possible improvements to the symposium.

The speakers provided enthusiastic ideas about improvements that would further the leadership role K-State could play in the future. These ideas included strategies to make the symposium even larger, attracting far more regional and national interest in research of African studies.

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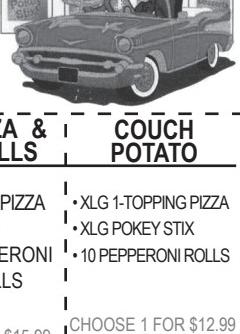
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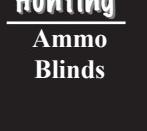
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in no matter what sort of criticisms you may get ... And also just the importance of thinking outside the box and trying to come up with creative solutions to problems that might come up that you probably aren't even planning for.

Q: Any other reflections on your presidential term?

A: I really appreciate all the support from students whether

er it's been in an e-mail or in a Student Senate meeting or a personal meeting. I think that students are starting to be more aware of just how close to home these budget cuts are getting so I would really encourage them to talk to Dalton [Henry] and Wayne [Stoskopf] a lot over the next year and also their college student senators because I think this year is going to be a really important year for students to have a strong voice on a lot of different issues.

SPEAKER | Affirmative action creator is Kan. native

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cause we see more diversity in the work place, we do not need affirmative action anymore, and that is not exactly the way things are."

Peterson is scheduled to present as the 31st speaker of the Dorothy L. Thompson Civil Rights Lecture Series, which continues to bring in people to speak on civil rights.

"It is important for students to know that they should not be resentful of affirmative action and to know what it does to the work force as well as the environment in

the United States," said Valdovinos, who is a current member and past chair of the series.

Thompson was the first affirmative action director at K-State, which Valdovinos said, makes today's lecture even more special.

"Dr. Peters recently published a book about Arthur Fletcher and because Fletcher has a connection to Kansas – because he was in fact a Topekan – that is something that makes our connection to the father of affirmative action a little bit stronger."

The lecture will be free and open to the public.

Henry discusses goal for future

By Steven Miller
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Student Body President-Elect Dalton Henry will officially take office tonight at the Student Governing Association's turnover meeting. Henry, a senior in agricultural communications and agricultural economics, answered questions about his upcoming term and issues that are facing the university.

Q: How will your presidency differ from Lydia Peele's?

A: To her credit, Lydia made some very tough decisions, and whether people agreed with them or not, she was looking out for student interests as best as she could.

Q: What problems are you going to focus on?

A: First on my platform is working on alumni connections. We're going to look at the Alumni Association and Career and Employment Services in order to give students the best opportunities at getting jobs. I would also like to focus on student safety.

Q: How so?

A: Mainly, I would like more lighting on campus, in Aggieville and in the surrounding areas. We need to improve anywhere that students live, work or play.

Q: Your platform also mentions affordable tuition. How will you do this?

A: The state just gave us permission to offer out-of-state tuition waivers to legacy students.



Joslyn Brown | COLLEGIAN

After the primary election results were announced, Dalton Henry, senior in agricultural economics, and Wayne Stoskopf, junior in agribusiness, celebrate on Feb. 25.

up your officer's compensation for the benefit of the University?

A: My two grand? It's a hard question to think about, but when we start looking at cuts, a lot's on the table. There's only so much that the administration can realistically absorb, which means plainly that students will see the difference. We're at a 4 percent tuition increase for next year, roughly.

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